

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE FRANCIS
HOWELL GOLDEN GIRLS DANCE
TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Francis Howell Golden Girls Dance Team, on their Class 6A State Championship win at the Missouri Dance Team Association competition.

These students and their coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you in joining me in recognizing the Francis Howell Golden Girls Dance Team for a job well done!

MORTGAGE CHOICE ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act included provisions that prohibited mortgage lenders from using their title insurance affiliates to gouge consumers.

Dodd-Frank created a new category of mortgages called Qualified Mortgages (QM). Lenders that issue these mortgages are granted special legal protection in exchange for keeping costs for consumers below a certain threshold. The costs considered under the QM standard encompass all compensation a mortgage lender receives—including title insurance costs a consumer pays to a company affiliated with a lender.

These provisions recognized an unfortunate reality: many lenders use their title insurance affiliates to charge consumers unnecessarily high fees. According to a 2007 report issued by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), for example, 70 cents of every dollar paid for title fees go toward lining the pockets of agents—not covering losses for the lender.

And the nature of the title insurance market has also opened the door to fraud against homeowners. Just recently in my home state of Maryland, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Maryland Attorney General negotiated a \$35.7 million settlement against Wells Fargo and JPMorgan Chase after finding that loan officers at these banks received illegal kickbacks to steer customers to a Maryland-based title company.

Americans seeking to purchase a home deserve better from the title insurance market. And by including affiliated insurance fees in its

definition of costs, the QM standard represents an important first step in protecting consumers from collusion and price-gouging.

Rather than strengthen these protections, however, H.R. 685 would create loopholes to exempt affiliated insurance fees from the QM cost definition and allow lenders to hit borrowers with hundreds and even thousands of dollars in unnecessary mortgage costs.

By rolling back protections for borrowers and raising mortgage costs, H.R. 685 would hurt homebuyers just as our housing sector is beginning to stabilize from the consequences of a financial crisis caused by unscrupulous and abusive practices. I urge my colleagues to reject this destructive bill.

RECOGNIZING MR. CHUCK
KLAUSING ON HIS INDUCTION TO
THE FOOTBALL COACHES HALL
OF FAME

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Chuck Klausing of Indiana, Pennsylvania for his induction into the Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

Mr. Klausing began his 46-year coaching career in 1948 as head coach at Pitcairn High School before moving to Braddock High in 1954. Throughout the six years that followed, his teams at Braddock remained undefeated for 55 straight games, establishing a national record. They outscored their opposition 1471–302, won six consecutive Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League championships, and were featured in Sports Illustrated.

Following his years at Braddock, Mr. Klausing went on to continued success as the head football coach at Indiana University of Pennsylvania from 1964 to 1969 and at Carnegie Mellon University from 1976 to 1985. While at Carnegie Mellon, he led the school to six conference championships and the NCAA Division III playoffs four times. He won television's National Coach of the Year awards in 1979 and 1983, and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as a coach in 1998.

In addition to Mr. Klausing's coaching achievements, he is a veteran of World War II and holds a degree in education from Slippery Rock University. Mr. Klausing's induction in the Football Coaches Hall of Fame brings great distinction upon himself, his community, and the 9th District of Pennsylvania. I invite my colleagues to join me in offering congratulations for his many outstanding achievements over his career.

ANNIVERSARY OF BOKO HARAM
KIDNAPPINGS

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues to recognize the one-year anniversary of the kidnapping of nearly 300 Nigerian girls by the terrorist group Boko Haram.

A year after this horrific act was perpetrated, 219 of the girls remain missing. Few know of their struggles and of the events in Nigeria, and the world's focus has largely shifted from rescue to remembrance.

But we have an opportunity, and a moral responsibility, to act. To ensure the safe return of these young girls and eliminate Boko Haram, so that no one else's child suffers at their hands.

The missing girls risked their lives in pursuit of education. Among them we see lawyers, doctors, teachers—future leaders of their country. We see our own daughters.

Today, I call on my colleagues not just to remember these girls, but to recommit to their rescue by passing legislation to combat Boko Haram.

STOPPING BOKO HARAM

HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, it has now been one year since the kidnapping of 270 Nigerian girls from their school dormitory.

In the time since then, thousands of Nigerian men and women have been captured, slaughtered, and raped simply for practicing their Christian faith or pursuing an education.

These horrific atrocities cry out for a response.

We need to continue to speak up and speak out until Boko Haram is defeated, and we bring back these girls.

Imagine, for a moment, facing the possibility of death every day because violent, militant extremists were wreaking havoc just outside your door.

Imagine, for a moment, having to leave behind everything you owned, all your possessions, your entire life, just to keep yourself and your family safe.

Imagine, for a moment, that your own loved ones were murdered simply for practicing their faith or going to school.

Yet, these are the realities of life for more than a million Nigerians today.

I applaud my colleague, Congresswoman FREDERICA WILSON, for her strong leadership on this issue, and I urge my colleagues to continue speaking out until Boko Haram is defeated and these girls are returned home.

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FISHING ECONOMY IMPROVEMENT
ACT**HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*Wednesday, April 15, 2015*

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the Fishing Economy Improvement Act. The bill reauthorizes the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and makes a number of refinements, which I believe can help Magnuson-Stevens Act work even more effectively at ensuring that the United States of America has viable fish stocks and a thriving fishing economy today and into the future.

In developing the policy proposals in this bill I have worked closely with Mr. HUFFMAN, the Ranking Member on the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power, and Oceans. Together, we have sat through hours of hearings on a reauthorization of the Magnuson Act and heard problems identified and remedies suggested from a variety of groups with an interest in America's fisheries.

That experience has made clear that there are a number of areas where there could be bipartisan agreement on improvements that can be made to Magnuson. In this time of "gridlock" in Congress, I think it is important that we do not miss opportunities in areas where there is consensus.

So, for instance, the Fishing Economy Improvement Act proposes that we improve fisheries data collection through the use of electronic monitoring and that we overhaul the way that the federal government manages this data so that we get the most value from it. The Fishing Economy Improvement Act increases opportunities for public participation in the fishery management process by requiring widely accepted, modern-day practices such as live, online broadcasting of fishery council meetings. And the bill allows for data collected by states from recreational fishing to be incorporated into federal assessments of the health of fish stocks. These are all ideas that find wide agreement on both sides of the aisle and could further improve the effectiveness of the Magnuson-Stevens conservation and management practices we already have in place.

Of course, I also have a responsibility to the people I represent to look for improvements to our national fishing policies that could specifically yield improvements for the Northern Mariana Islands. One proposal in the Fishing Economy Improvement Act is to assure the interests of subsistence fishers, or what the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations refers to as artisanal fishers, are represented on the regional fishery management councils. The people of the Northern Mariana Islands are generally not involved in industrial scale fishing, but we have a tradition of livelihood from the sea that goes back for millennia and continues to this day. These island fishermen and women should have a seat on the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, right beside the industrial users—as should Native Alaska and Native American subsistence users on the other seven regional councils, where appropriate. This proposal, too, is an area of bipartisan agreement.

Pacific islanders also should have a more official role in the international organization

that is responsible for managing and conserving tuna and other highly migratory fish in our region. For that reason, the Fishing Economy Improvement Act requires that one of the five U.S. seats on the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission always be held by a resident of American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands. The seat would rotate among our three island jurisdictions.

I also believe that, when the rights to fish around the Northern Mariana Islands are sold, the fees should go directly to the government of the Northern Mariana Islands. Right now, some of those fees go to WestPac, the federal regional council, and WestPac has to use the funds for marine conservation. I am not opposed to conservation. We cannot have a strong fishing economy unless we manage stocks sustainably and maintain the overall health of the oceans. But revenues from Northern Marianas resources belong to the people of the islands. Their own government should decide the best use for those funds—not WestPac, a federal agency. My bill helps ensure that revenues from fishing around the U.S. Pacific islands, such as the Northern Marianas, go to people of those islands.

The people of the Pacific islands have a deep cultural tradition of decision-making by consensus. The tradition on the Northern American continent was often to move farther west when neighbors proved difficult. On tiny islands surrounded by vast oceans there is greater pressure to get along and find agreement.

In that spirit I am introducing the Fishing Economy Improvement Act. I ask that Members on both sides of the aisle consider whether there are areas in fishery management where we can find common ground. I look forward to reaching out to Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, who has also introduced legislation reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. I know there are proposals in Mr. YOUNG's bill with which I can agree; and I believe there are ideas in the bill I have introduced that are in harmony with or could build upon the proposals in his bill.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 INDUCTEES
TO THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA
FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME**HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame and to congratulate the 2015 inductees and scholarship award recipients.

The importance of youth sports cannot be overstated. Participation in organized sports instills in our youth many values that will serve them well throughout life. These values include sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, a sense of belonging, and, maybe most important, the work ethic developed by striving for success and working to achieve a common goal.

I commend the Northern Virginia Football Hall of Fame (NVFHOF) for providing opportunities for our children to succeed and be a part of a team. I also congratulate the following students, coaches and community lead-

ers who are being inducted during the 25th Annual NVFHOF Awards Banquet:

\$1,500 Scholarship Award Recipients: Ashleigh Holsworth (West Potomac HS), Ryan L. Bursiek (West Springfield HS), and Jonathan R. McVicker (Lake Braddock SS), and Mason Scoville (Westfield HS)

Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame 2015 Inductees: Michael Claussin (Springfield Youth Club, West Springfield HS, JMU, Jacksonville Jaguars, Buffalo Bills, and Washington Redskins), Vaughn Lewis (Edison HS Head Coach, Thomas Jefferson HS Head Coach, Stafford HS Asst. Coach), and Jeff Davey (Chantilly YA, Club Commissioner, Youth Football Head Coach)

Football Officials of the Year: Andre Jones (Fairfax County FOA), Rick Artigas (Northern Virginia FOA), and Anthony Wallace (D.C. Metropolitan FOA)

Karl Davey Community Achievement Award: John Reynolds (FCPS Athletic Training Programs Administrator)

Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award: Dan Sutherland (FCPA, Grounds Management Manager)

Gene Nelson Commissioner of the Year Award: David Hall (Commissioner, VYI)

High School Players of the Year: James Gibson, III (Westfield HS), Tyler West (Langley HS), Gerald Hulett, Jr. (South County HS), Matt Gallagher (Battlefield HS), Will Mejia (Falls Church HS), Nick Mathews (Patriot HS)

High School Coaches of the Year: Wayne Hogwood (Wakefield HS), Chris Haddock (Centreville HS)

Youth Sports Players of the Year: Malachi Galloway (Alex. Rec.), Aaron Saunders (American Pride YF), Dakwandre Marshall (Annandale Boys & Girls Club), Savion Whiting (Arlington FL), Nathan Smith, (BRYC), Pierre Johnson (CYA), Aidan Doherty (Dulles South YL), Bradley M. Brewington IV (Fairfax Police YL), Benjamin Pavak (Ft. Belvoir Youth Sports), Mike Pidgeon (Ft. Hunt), E. Claybyrne Prescott Sailor (Gainsville-Haymarket), Justin Gibson (Gum Springs), Stephen Schoenefeldt (Herndon Optimist Club), Christina Thompson (James Lee), William Scott Wolfe (Lee-Franconia), Spencer Irons (Manassas YFL), Mathew Moschella (McLean YF), Cameron Savage (RYA), Ethan Davies (SCAA), Matt Hunter (SYA), Ryan Lipton (Springfield Youth Club), and Chandler O'Rourke (VYI)

Youth Sports Coaches of the Year: Mike Johnson (VYI), Matt Huling (SYA), Chris Goings (CYA), and Ken Simmons (BRYC)

Youth Cheerleaders of the Year: Layla Menard (American Pride Youth Football), Payton Delean (Dulles South Youth League), Daisy Anderson (VYI) and Emma Sahlgren (VYI)

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the Northern Youth Football League as well as those students, coaches and community leaders who are being honored at this 2015 Hall of Fame celebration.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH, BERKLEY**HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 150th anniversary of First Baptist Church, Berkley in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1865, thirty members of Bank Street Baptist Church began praying in a tent abandoned by Union soldiers after the culmination of the Civil War. These meetings were later moved to the homes of the various members. On April 15, 1868, these individuals received letters of dismissal from Bank Street Baptist and left to begin a new church led by Reverend Samuel S. Jones.

The new church was initially called Cedar Grove Baptist, receiving its name from the cedar trees that lined the road to the church. An empty plantation building served as the first church building and services were held in a large upper room. The congregation soon outgrew the plantation building and moved to a new worship hall on the corner of Pine and Walnut Streets. Reverend Richard Wright was elected the new pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist. Reverend Wright began fund-raising for a new hall of worship, but passed away prior to completion. Reverend Madison Lewis served as pastor for nearly 10 years and was leading the church at the completion of First Baptist Church Montaland. Unfortunately, the Montaland church building was devastated by a fire in 1908 and a new church could not be constructed until 1910. After the fire, the congregation met at the local Masonic Hall.

In 1910, the new church building, named First Baptist Church, Berkley, opened its doors to the Norfolk community. Throughout the church's entire history, First Baptist Church, Berkley has had a rich legacy of outreach. During the Great Depression, under the leadership of Reverend John Carter Diamond, the church helped feed the community by opening soup kitchens and bread lines. The church created a nursery and hired unemployed mothers to supplement their family income. With a focus on education, the nursery was converted into a church kindergarten.

In 1963, Reverend William Tyree, Jr. began his pastorship with a philosophy of educating the congregation. Under his leadership, several classes were created to benefit all members of the church. Through his strong belief in education, Reverend Tyree formed the Tri-Committee, which focused on the church's outreach into the community through social and civic engagement. Reverend Tyree recognized the need for a new church facility and led the congregation in an effort to build the current location of First Baptist Church, Berkley at Berkley Avenue and Culpepper Street, which opened on June 22, 1986. Reverend Tyree served the church for more than 32 years before his passing on December 23, 1994. His son, William D. Tyree, III, began his pastorship in May of 1996 and continues to serve the church today.

Over the last 150 years, 13 pastors have served the church's congregation—Rev. Samuel S. Jones, Rev. Richard Wright, Rev. Madison Lewis, Rev. H.L. Barco, Rev. Sutton Griggs, Rev. J.H. Randolph, Rev. W.R. Slade, Rev. Lafayette Sharpe, Rev. A.O. Bello, Rev. John Carter Diamond, Rev. Noel C. Taylor, Rev. William D. Tyree, Jr., and Rev. William D. Tyree, III.

Mr. Speaker, as First Baptist Church, Berkley of Norfolk, Virginia celebrates this historic milestone, the congregation can rejoice in 150 years of successful discipleship and public service in the Hampton Roads community. I would like to congratulate the 13th pastor of First Baptist Church, Berkley, Reverend William D. Tyree, III, and all of the members of

the church's congregation on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. I wish them many more years of fellowship and dedicated service to the community.

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jefferson Middle School Archery Team from Champaign, Illinois for the continued and outstanding success of their program.

At the state competition this past March, the Jefferson Archery Team brought home the state championship title in the middle school division for the third straight year.

The Jefferson Team had five individual medalists at the state competition as Breanna Velez took 3rd place and Maddy Brown took 4th place in the female division, while Luke Miller took 1st place, Spencer Weis took 2nd place, and Ivan Chu took 4th place in the male division.

I would like to congratulate these five outstanding archers on their success and the entire Jefferson Archery Team on their 3rd consecutive state title.

I am truly proud to represent this group of exceptional student-athletes, and I wish them the best of luck as they represent the entire state of Illinois in competition for the national title in May:

Spencer Weis, Breanna Velez, Chikako Barnes, Maddy Brown, Jacob Rosenbaum, Cayla Risinger, Joel Everett, Lucas Brown, Luke Miller, Clayton Knerim, Isaac Stevens, Olivia Geis, Noga Adar, Ben Hannauer, Nathan Yahnke, Tristan Summers, Trevor Bolland, Benjamin Kirkland, Anthony Erlinger, Lauryn Henry, Nicole Olivier, Jacob Rice, Gage Miller, Henry Hornbrook, and Ivan Chu.

RECOGNIZING CHILD HOME AND COMMUNITY'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of 35 years of commitment to young mothers of Bucks and Montgomery counties by Child Home and Community.

Working with local schools and hospitals, Child Home and Community provides assistance and educational opportunities for young parents from all backgrounds to be better, healthier parents.

CHC's programs—including free childbirth classes, support groups, career counseling and other advocacy services—help address real needs in our communities and bring about tangible benefits for participants, including becoming “more likely to stay in school and graduate, find employment with good benefits, prepare their children for school and become productive members of the community.”

As a supporter of this worthwhile organization and their more than three decades of

dedication, it is an honor to mark their 35th anniversary and celebrate with them and the thousands of young families they have supported.

Congratulations and continued success in Bucks and Montgomery counties to everyone at Child Home and Community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 TOWN OF VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS PRE- SENTED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 37th Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will recognize 93 individuals in a variety of categories including: the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal of Valor.

Three members of the Town of Vienna Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service.

It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following Valor Award recipients:

Certificate of Valor Recipients:

Police Officer John Digan

Police Officer Marcos Herrera

Master Police Officer Tim Seitz

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2015 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Town of Vienna Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on the dates of February 24 through March 3 of this year, I was away from the Capitol tending to a family medical situation that required my presence. Due to these unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures on the floor during this time.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass HR 212, Roll Call Vote #84, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass HR 734, Roll Call Vote #85, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Ordering the Previous Question, Roll Call Vote #86, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Agreeing to the Resolution H RES 121, Roll Call Vote #87, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass HR 1020, Roll Call Vote #88, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions HR 529, Roll Call Vote #89, had I been present I would have voted no.

On Passage of HR 529, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve 529 plans, Roll Call Vote #90, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Consideration of the Resolution H RES 125, Roll Call Vote #91, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Ordering the Previous Question, Roll Call Vote #92, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Agreeing to the Resolution H RES 125, Roll Call Vote #93, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Approving the Journal, Roll Call Vote #94, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On the amendment of Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Amendment No. 67 to HR 5, Roll Call Vote #95, had I been present I would have voted no.

On the amendment of Mr. GROTHMAN of Wisconsin, Amendment No. 128 to HR 5, Roll Call Vote #96, had I been present I would have voted no.

On the amendment of Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Amendment No. 43 to HR 5, Roll Call Vote #97, had I been present I would have voted no.

On the amendment of Mr. QUIGLEY of Illinois, Amendment No. 96 to HR 5, Roll Call Vote #98, had I been present I would have voted no.

On the amendment of Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Amendment No. 40 to HR 5, Roll Call Vote #99, had I been present I would have voted no.

On Ordering the Previous Question, Roll Call Vote #100, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Agreeing to the Resolution H RES 129, Roll Call Vote #101, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Request a Conference on HR 240, Roll Call Vote #102, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Approving the Journal, Roll Call Vote #103, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Passage of HJ RES 35, Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015, Roll Call Vote #104, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Instruct Conferees on HR 240, Roll Call Vote #105, had I been present I would have voted no.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment to HR 33, Roll Call Vote #106, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass HR 294, Roll Call Vote #107, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Table the Senate Amendment to HR 240, Roll Call Vote #108, had I been present I would have voted no.

On Motion to Recede and Concur in the Senate Amendment to HR 240, Making appro-

priations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, Roll Call Vote #109, had I been present I would have voted no.

On the amendment of Mr. MCCLINTOCK of California, Amendment No. 6 to HR 749, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions HR 749, Roll Call Vote #111, had I been present I would have voted no.

On Passage of HR 749, To reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, Roll Call Vote #112, had I been present I would have voted no.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,152,013,569,439.51. We've added \$7,525,136,520,526.43 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING MR. DAVID ROSELEIP ON HIS DECADES OF SERVICE TO AND RETIREMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON AGFORESTRY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career and countless achievements of Mr. David Roseleip. A giant in Washington State, Dave spent his childhood in St. Ignatius, Montana before matriculating to Montana State University. Raised on a dairy and diversified crop farm with his twin brother, Dave's upbringing inspired him to pursue and attain a degree in Agriculture Science and Economics. After graduation, Dave moved to Spokane, Washington where he began his long and impactful career at Farm Credit Banks. While continuing to serve farmers at his day job, Dave enrolled in the first class of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation's Leadership Program which provides essential training to individuals engaged in farming, forestry, and fishing in Washington State.

Four years after graduating from the program, Dave became president of AgForestry. Under his stewardship, AgForestry continued its mission, providing outstanding services and resources to its students. In fact, during his tenure, Dave has overseen the recruitment and selection of Leadership Classes 7 through 37 and has proudly watched nearly 1,000 graduates of the program go on to successful careers in agriculture and forestry. Working tirelessly with the Washington State Legisla-

ture, along with various government departments and national organizations, Dave has ensured that the program's trips to Olympia and Washington, D.C. have been filled with engaging and enlightening classes and experiences. One of his greatest accomplishments as president of AgForestry was the coordination of "International Seminars" to nearly 45 different countries, giving students a greater understanding of global issues and the importance of American agriculture in the world.

Of course, Dave's incredible legacy extends beyond AgForestry. Dave joined forces with leadership from three other organizations in co-founding the "International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership." In addition, Dave has served on the boards of Farming and the Environment, the Pacific Northwest Farm Forum, the Washington Biodiversity Council, and the Washington Agriculture Council. After more than 30 years of service to AgForestry, Dave will be retiring in June. His impacts will be long-felt in Washington agricultural and forestry circles, and his work is something that we can all take pride in. I wish both Dave and his loving wife, Jan, a long and happy retirement.

HONORING GWENDOLYN NERO LOPER

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Gwendolyn Nero Loper, the daughter of the late Malinda and Willis Nero, who graduated from Greenwood High School in 1946. She attended Tougaloo College from 1948 to 1952 graduating cum laude with a degree in sociology. She received a Master of Social Work degree from Howard University in 1955. She became one of the first Black social workers in Mississippi with a graduate social work degree.

This honoree's work experience as a social worker includes seven years with the Department of Human Services (the Welfare Department) and in 1966 she became the first Black social worker, employed with the Veterans Administration. After working thirty years at the V. A. Medical Center, she retired in 1995. She then worked four years as Field Instructor at Jackson State University in the School of Social Work's Master of Social Work Program.

Mrs. Loper's dedication to the field of social work earned several "firsts" to be recognized. These include: the first black woman appointed to the Mississippi Board of Mental Health, to represent the social work profession by Governor William Waller in 1974; she was reappointed by Governors William Winter and Bill Allain. She served in this position until 1994. On February 17, 1995, the Mississippi State Board of Mental Health named the Administration Building at the Hudspeeth Regional Center in Whitfield, Mississippi, the Gwendolyn Nero Loper Administration Building. This, too, was the first time a building had been named in honor of a social worker in the State of Mississippi.

Among Mrs. Loper's other community involvements are the following: charter member of the Jackson National Council of Negro Women; past president of Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority and YWCA; life memberships—the NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Tougaloo National Alumni Association. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. Included are: Delta Woman of the Year (1965); Tougaloo Alumna of the Year (1975); Mississippi Chapter Social Worker of the Year (1976); Black Women's Political Action Community Service Award (1990); Howard University School of Social Work Outstanding Alumna (1998); Tougaloo Hall of Fame (1992); the Tougaloo Meritorious Leadership Award (2003); and the Outstanding Greenwoodian in Community Service Award (1998). She is active in her church, Farish Street Baptist, and the Jackson Chapter of the Links, Inc. She enjoys spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Gwendolyn Nero Loper for giving back to the community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 TOWN OF HERNDON POLICE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS PRESENTED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Four members of the Town of Herndon Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service.

It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following Valor Award recipients:

Bronze Medal of Valor Recipients:

Police Officer Eliezer Calo

Special Police Officer Warrie Proffitt

Certificate of Valor Recipients:

Special Police Officer Mark Butler

Corporal Steven Brown

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2015 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Town of Herndon Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

IN HONOR OF THE CARIBOU FIRE AND AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to rise today to congratulate the Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department on earning the 2015 Congressional Fire Services Institute/Masimo Excellence in Fire Service-Based Emergency Medical Services Award. This brave team of volunteer Mainers represents sound practice and dedication to protecting others day in and day out.

This top-tier department is tasked with covering 348 square miles, amounting to nine towns and 14,000 residents. The fire and medical units handle first response services for a vast rural district that houses sporting activities such as boating, hunting, ATV trails, and winter sledding. Furthermore, the department conducts emergency transfers by land and air from a local hospital to a trauma center 175 miles away.

Under Chief Scott Susi, the Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department boasts three five-person crews, along with 15 full time paramedics—a crowning achievement for a department hoping to expand without a corresponding financial burden on the communities it serves.

Community engagement directly corresponds to the success of this department. Sensitivity to the taxable impact of its operations and attendance at local council meetings are just two of the multitude of ways in which this department actively and uniquely works together with the region in which it serves.

The Caribou Fire and Ambulance Department serves as a model of efficient success for fellow Maine fire and Ambulance departments and for service men and women across our country.

RECOGNIZING NICOLE SHAH'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY SERVICE

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Nicole Shah for her outstanding service in the Springfield, Missouri, community and to congratulate her on receiving one of two 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for the state of Missouri and the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Nicole is president and co-founder of Every Teen Helps Inspire Change, also known as ETHIC. ETHIC was formed to help sick children and others suffering from serious illness. She and friends founded the non-profit two years ago while planning a service project for her school. She saw the need for teenagers in the community to have a constant opportunity for service. In the two years since ETHIC's founding, the group has raised \$75,000 and has put the funds toward the purchase of a frozen treat machine at Springfield's Mercy Hospital for children undergoing chemotherapy

to relieve pain from mouth sores. Other efforts have included organizing a fundraiser to help pay for 10 Nepalese patients' major surgeries as well as a painting project and auction to raise funds for Mercy Children's Hospital, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and its local Ronald McDonald Houses.

The powerful impact ETHIC has had on the community continues to expand as more Springfield teenagers from area high schools join the cause. Nicole is responsible for recruitment, budgeting, group promotions and event planning for the non-profit and hopes to further spread the influence at the college level next year.

It is an honor to represent such fine young people as Nicole Shah. Nicole, at the age of 16, has had a positive impact on lives around the world. I look forward to hearing many more great stories from ETHIC and Nicole as the group moves forward. I congratulate her on this phenomenal achievement.

RECOGNIZING AUXILIARY BISHOP ROBERT EARL SMITH, SR., FOR HIS 49 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE WHITE CLOUD EMPOWERMENT CENTER CHURCH OF GOD

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to recognize Bishop Robert Earle Smith, Sr., for his commendable service to The White Cloud Empowerment Center Church of God and for his elevation to the Office of Auxiliary Bishop in the Church of God in Christ. It is fitting that we take a moment to recognize Bishop Smith's accomplishments and contributions to spreading the word of God all over Michigan and the United States.

Throughout his life, Bishop Smith has been deeply committed to serving God and his people. He moved to Michigan at the age of 14 and began attending Saint James Church of God in Christ. After graduating from Flint Northern High School, Bishop Smith served his country in the United States Air Force. Next he took college courses at the University of Maryland, Mott Community College, and the University of Michigan, Flint, where he continued to wholeheartedly pursue his ministry ambitions. He went on to serve as the Dean of the Flint branch of the C.H. Mason Bible College where he integrated faith and education. Bishop Smith recalls sharing his faith with thousands of people in an arena in Memphis, Tennessee, when he served as the vice-president of the Sunday School Convention.

Today, Bishop Smith serves as the pastor and preaches in two different Church of God in Christ locations in Michigan. For nearly fifty years, Bishop Smith has traveled 300 miles round-trip from his home in Flint to White Cloud in order to serve as the pastor of The White Cloud Empowerment Center Church of God in Christ. His devout dedication to the Lord is evident as he reaches out to pray for and assist the homeless, needy, youth, and the lost. His mission is to give love and compassion to anyone in need, which is reflective of the very walk of Jesus Christ.

Throughout his life and ministry, Bishop Robert Earle Smith, Sr., has been a shining

example of being a faithful follower of God. He has passionately dedicated his life to serving the Lord through ministry and evangelism. Bishop Smith, thank you for what you have done not only for the Church of God in Christ, but for all of Michigan and our country.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS PRESENTED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

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Forty-eight members of the Fairfax County Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Silver Medal of Valor Recipients: Police Officer First Class Roberto Asencios; Police Officer First Class Kevin Gemmell; Police Officer First Class Ryan Quarto; Police Officer First Class Thomas Thompson; Police Officer First Class Nathan Van Husen; Sergeant Michael Gubesch; Police Officer First Class Kenyatta Momon; Police Officer First Class Tyler Timberlake

Bronze Medal of Valor Recipients: Police Officer First Class Gershon Ramirez; Sergeant Lieutenant Richard Buisch; Police Officer First Class Robert Marshall; Police Officer First Class Eric Runkles; Police Officer First Class Shannon Sams; Police Officer First Class Larry St. Clair; Second Lieutenant Jane Burns; Police Officer First Class Shawn Carroll; Police Officer Harrison Gamble; Police Officer First Class Edward George; Police Officer Anthony Capizzi; Police Officer First Class Sarah Hansen; Captain Graham McGowan; Master Police Officer Steven Carroll; Master Police Officer Jey Phillips; Second Lieutenant Jeffrey Reiff

Certificate of Valor Recipients: Police Officer Brian Geschke; Detective Brett Choyce; Detective Richard Early; Detective Stephen Sulzinski; Detective Brian Takagi; Police Officer First Class Richard Cash; Police Officer First Class Paul Stracke; Police Officer First Class Dustin Tewillager; Lieutenant Jason Allegra

Lifesaving Certificate Recipients: Police Officer Michael Crutchman; Police Officer Jesse Katzman; Police Officer Tyler Spencer; Police

Officer First Class Scott Abram; Police Officer First Class Daniel Bond; Police Officer First Class David Faulk; Police Officer First Class Sarah Hansen; Police Officer First Class Craig Quattrin; Police Officer First Class Gershon Ramirez; Police Officer First Class Leslie Schmitt; Police Officer First Class Timothy Schultz; Master Police Officer Mary Hulse; Master Police Officer Scott MacCaskill; Master Police Officer Howard Mergler; Master Police Officer Chris Musser; Master Police Officer Robert Urps; Second Lieutenant Dana Robinson

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2015 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JUNE AS MEN'S CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight an issue of growing concern to this nation: cancer among men, by introducing a resolution recognizing June as Men's Cancer Awareness Month.

Cancer is a deadly disease that does not discriminate. It impacts all demographics and every segment of our population. However, what I find extremely alarming is that cancer is claiming the lives of males of all races and ages at an alarming rate. One in 2 men will be diagnosed with cancer over the course of their lifetimes. Men face a 43.31 percent lifetime risk of being diagnosed with some form of cancer. Statistics show that men have a 22.83 percent chance of dying from cancer versus 19.26 percent of women. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimates that nearly 300,000 men die annually as a result of cancer. Furthermore, African American men have the highest cancer incidence and mortality rates according to the CDC.

I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in shining a light on this deadly disease that is plaguing the men of our communities. These men are our fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, sons, grandsons, and nephews. Recognizing and preventing men's health problems is not just an issue facing men, it also has a profound impact on the lives of wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters, and is truly a family issue. No one should ever be put in a position to have to prematurely bury their loved one.

Additionally, there are a number of consistent gender differences in cancer susceptibility. In fact, gender differences in cancer susceptibility are rarely publicized and often inadequately addressed. There are a number of common cancers that have the highest male-to-female (M:F) ratios, including colorectal cancers; cancers of the lung and bronchus; non-Hodgkin lymphoma, urinary and bladder cancers, and most alarming Kaposi sarcoma.

I was inspired to introduce this resolution by a constituent from my district, Mr. Joel

Greshman, who founded the Not 1 Forgotten campaign in 2013, after losing two close friends and family members to cancer. Joel created the organization to encourage men to get regular check-ups in order to stay healthy and live longer. By joining Joel and others across the nation to bring greater awareness of cancer among men, it is my sincere hope that we can work together to better promote expanded advocacy, media campaigns and other events. The Not 1 Forgotten campaign has gained momentum in states and cities across our nation from Fort Lauderdale located in my Congressional district to Atlanta, Augusta, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami Dade County, and New York.

The purpose of Men's Cancer Awareness Month is to heighten awareness and encourage early detection and treatment of cancer among men and boys.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this critically important resolution and recognize June as Men's Cancer Awareness Month.

TRIBUTE TO CAPTAIN LUTHER RICE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of Captain Luther Rice, a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a truly selfless Hoosier.

Luther was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was married to his wife Barbara Anne Nehls Rice for 61 years. Together, they had three children and six grandchildren. Luther was also a proud Marine. He served in the United States Marine Corps for 23 years, eventually retiring with the rank of Captain in 1971. He completed one tour in Korea and two tours of duty in Vietnam, earning a Bronze Star with Combat "V" during his second Vietnam tour. Overall, Captain Rice was awarded an impressive 14 different medals during his career in the Marines.

After his distinguished military career, Luther started attending night and summer school at Indiana State University, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in 1977 and a Master's in K-12 education in 1978. Luther found a passion for education and was named principal of Connersville vocational school where he served from 1979 to 1983. He also taught at the Career Center in Versailles, Indiana, and was eventually appointed school principal there as well—a position he served in until his retirement in 1992. In 1991, Luther was appointed Judge of Aurora City Court by Indiana Governor Evan Bayh, a position he held for six years.

In his spare time, Luther enjoyed supporting fellow veterans in his community. Luther was a lifetime member of the Korean War Veterans Association and served as its National Director for six years. He also volunteered at Dearborn County Hospital for 17 years, where he eventually became President of the Dearborn County Hospital Community Foundation.

Today, it is my privilege to honor the life of Captain Luther Rice. My thoughts and prayers go out to Luther's family, and may God comfort those he left behind with His peace and strength.

HONORING BOLIVAR COMMUNITY
ACTION AGENCY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Social Service Agency, Bolivar Community Action Agency which is located in Bolivar County, Mississippi.

Bolivar County Community Action Agency is a 501(C3) tax-exempt organization with a fifteen member board of directors composed of equal representation from the public, private and poor sectors. As a leading program in the State of Mississippi, Bolivar County Community Action Agency provides a variety of services ranging from preschool childcare to a senior companion program; from a homeless shelter to transitional housing; from a youth adolescent offenders program to a general education diploma program.

The Agency's principal activities for over forty years consists of carrying out Community Action Programs through grants received from the State of Mississippi Department of Human Services, the Federal Department of Health & Human Services, the Mississippi State Department of Education and other governmental and private funding agencies. Those programs consist of: Head Start, Early Head Start, Delta Workforce Investment Area In-School/Out-School Program, Aging & Senior Companion Division, Community Services Block Grant, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Transitional Housing, Community Action Transitional Shelter, Community Action New Start and Adolescent Opportunity Programs.

In 2012 the Bolivar County Community Action Agency, Inc. Board of Directors appointed the first female and African American as Executive Director, Mrs. Elnora F. Littleton, who was a Head Start pioneer and aware of the agency's varied programs. Her testimony is one of success—who started over forty years ago as a high school graduate employed in the Head Start Program. Her ambition, dedication and passion for the betterment of low-income children and families in Bolivar County, Mississippi has served as stepping stones promoting her from Teacher's Assistant to Teacher; from Center Director to Nutrition Director, and from Education Director to Head Start Director.

Serving faithfully under the leadership of former Executive Director Billy J. McCain, Mrs. Littleton has witnessed transitions and development of Head Start's meager beginnings to a multi-million dollar program.

As Executive Director, Ms Littleton is responsible for programmatic and fiscal components that serve 843 children and families in Bolivar County.

To say the least, her accomplishments and accolades are impeccable. She is respectively known locally and nationally as "a person who gets the job done." Mrs. Littleton, along with the board of directors and staff, anticipates higher dimensions and a new direction for the agency that will not only impact the community and today's generation, but generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing social service organization.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 FAIRFAX COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS PRESENTED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Six members of the Fairfax County Office of the Sheriff Office are being honored this year for their exceptional service.

It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following Valor Award recipients:

Certificate of Valor Recipients:
Correctional Health Nurse Joan Dempsey;
PFC Sonya Claiborne;
PFC Michael Ittner;
PFC Teena Putman;
2nd Lieutenant Joseph Evans;
1st Lieutenant Charles Oakley

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2015 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. GLENN D. STEELE, JR., PRESIDENT AND CEO OF GEISINGER HEALTH SYSTEM

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Glenn Steele, Jr., who will be retiring in June after a stellar, fourteen-year tenure as President and CEO of Geisinger Health System. Under his leadership, Geisinger grew and gained national recognition for its innovative approach to health care. Today, the company serves 2.6 million residents across 44 counties in Pennsylvania and employs almost 21,000 people. For his groundbreaking and imaginative leadership, Dr. Steele has been recognized as one of the most influential physician executives our nation has ever seen.

During his remarkable company leadership stint, Dr. Steele also served on the panel of

health advisers for the Congressional Budget Office and contributed significantly to a host of prominent medical societies and organizations, including the American Surgical Association, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, and the Roundtable on Value and Science-Driven Healthcare. He is an appointee to the Committee on the Governance and Financing of Graduate Medical Education, and, in February this year, Dr. Steele joined the ranks of the Millennium Health Advisory Board. He has also served as Chairman of the American Board of Surgery and President of the Society of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Steele's work has earned him several national awards, including the CEO IT Achievement Award in 2005, the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Grassroots Champion Award in 2007, the 8th Annual (2010) AHA Health Research & Education Trust Award, and the Healthcare Financial Management Association Board of Directors' Award in 2011. He has been recognized in the Modern Healthcare's "50 Most Powerful Physician Executives" numerous times and has made other health care industry "most influential" lists repeatedly. Dr. Steele has additionally served on the editorial board of many medical journals and has authored or co-authored more than 480 scientific and professional articles—quite a career record!

It is an honor to recognize Dr. Glenn Steele for his many and ongoing accomplishments. I commend him for his innovative leadership in the field of health care and for his indispensable contributions to the high quality of life we enjoy in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO
HELP PREVENT HEROIN AND
PRESCRIPTION DRUG
OVERDOSES

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, today I am pleased to come before the House to introduce legislation to exempt from civil liability emergency administration of opioid overdose-reversing drugs, like naloxone by people who prescribe or are prescribed them. I am pleased to be joined in my efforts by Senator MARKEY who has introduced a companion bill in the Senate.

Prescription drug overdoses have reached epidemic levels in this country. In the past ten years, opioid prescription has doubled. Every day 120 people die from drug overdoses fueled by prescription painkillers. Drugs like naloxone provide the means to counteract the effects of opioid overdoses. This is a life-saving treatment, but some are deterred from providing these drugs for fear of litigation.

When an opioid overdose occurs, administration of an opioid reversal drug is necessary to prevent death. But it must occur within a certain window of time before the chance of survival is lost. This is the time for quick action, not deliberations over the possibilities of a lawsuit. First responders and other "Good Samaritans" who have the means to treat an opioid overdose should not be dealt this burden.

The bill I am introducing today would protect treatment with opioid overdose-reversing

drugs by volunteers at opioid overdose programs, health care professionals, and individuals who administer the drug to a person who is or reasonably appears to have suffered an overdose. This will give first responders the resources they need to save lives.

This bill only protects those who prescribe opioid reversing drugs, or have been prescribed them. And it only covers circumstances in which someone is suffering or is perceived to be suffering from an opioid overdose. Reckless use of opioid reversing drugs will not be condoned.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to address the House on this important matter and I assure my colleagues that I will continue my efforts in preserving all lives.

CONGRATULATING DR. JACK HOLMES ON 47 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT HOPE COLLEGE

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Jack Holmes and his commendable service to Hope College as a Professor of Political Science.

After graduating cum laude from Knox College with honors in political science, Professor Holmes went on to earn his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Denver. As a Captain in the U.S. Army in the Politico-Military Division at the Pentagon, Dr. Holmes researched major international political decisions affecting the army. After his work in Washington, he moved to Holland, Michigan, to teach at Hope College. After four years, however, he returned to Colorado to work as the District Assistant for Congressman Don Brotzman. This position entailed constituent relations as well as advising on foreign policy, minority, education, and environmental matters. Ever a true Flying Dutchman though, Professor Holmes returned to Hope in 1975.

Professor Holmes' experiences in the public sector and his interest in American foreign policy and international relations were instrumental in creating his Mood/Interest Theory of American Foreign Policy. He has recently written a follow up to Mood/Interest Theory called *Ambivalent America: Cyclical Interactions with Trends*. Not only is Professor Holmes an excellent theorist, he has also co-authored a national government textbook *American Government: Essentials & Perspectives* as well as many other articles and journals. He has been heavily involved in the Hope College community, especially as faculty advisor to Model United Nations and to the Hope Republicans. Professor Holmes has also served as a political consultant and has been very involved with the Michigan Republican party.

Professor Holmes grew up in Colorado and returns each summer. As an avid outdoorsman he spends the summer months on his mountain ranch researching, writing, backpacking, fishing, and even teaching a course on wilderness politics.

Today, April 27, 2015, we recognize Professor Holmes for all of his tireless work and commitment to political science and to Hope

College. I want to thank Professor Holmes for his service to Hope College, to Michigan, and to this country.

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Thirty-two members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service. It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following Valor Award Recipients:

Gold Medal of Valor Recipients: Technician Ryland Chapman, Technician Gregory Wood

Silver Medal of Valor Recipient: Master Technician George Moore, Cadet Justin Spears

Bronze Medal of Valor Recipients: Technician Davin Bridges; Technician Ian Brill; Technician Mark Deyneka; Technician Michael Eddy; Technician Thomas Feehan; Technician Michael Frames; Technician Timothy Kelly; Technician Michael King; Technician Heather Lefever; Technician Stephanie Leland; Technician Lawrence Mullin; Technician Timothy Pais; Technician Samuel Porter; Technician Robert Ritchie; Technician William Thurston; Master Technician Beverly Studts; Lieutenant Carlos Carrillo; Lieutenant Eric Craven; Lieutenant John McDonnell; Lieutenant Michael Miller; Firefighter Jason Branham; Technician Louis Botha; Technician William Kight, Jr.; Master Technician Anthony Doran; Captain I Patrick Sheehan

Certificate of Valor Recipients: Technician Adam Armstrong; Firefighter Thomas Johnson
Lifesaving Certificate Recipient: Inspector George Martin, Jr.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2015 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) which was signed into law on April 10, 1979. For the past 36 years, the TRA has facilitated a partnership committed to increasing trade and investment as well as regional security. The TRA serves as the cornerstone of the relationship between the United States and Taiwan that has been of mutual economic, cultural, and strategic benefit.

Taiwan has been an important contributor towards economic and political security in Asia for decades, and continues to be a major and invaluable trading partner with the United States. Taiwan's citizens continue to benefit from self-governance and free elections, and the open society and democracy of Taiwan allows for innovation and growth that puts it on competitive footing with the largest and most powerful countries in the world.

In celebrating another milestone in the relationship between the United States and the people of Taiwan, the 36th anniversary of Taiwan Relations Act (TRA); we not only say thank you, but make certain those provisions of the TRA continue to provide the security necessary to maintain the strength and character of one of our closest allies and economic partners. I am honored to recognize Taiwan on the 36th Anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, and I am grateful for our longstanding friendship and our shared commitment to promoting enduring stability and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMERCIAL METALS COMPANY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate 100 years of a prosperous business model and the strong work ethic of the Commercial Metals Company (CMC), a metals company founded in 1915 in Dallas, Texas.

CMC is celebrating its 100th anniversary of business this year. This company started out in Dallas, Texas as a single operation in 1915 by a Russian immigrant named Moses Feldman. What began as a local recycling business grew into one of the top domestic steel manufacturers, fabricators and metals recyclers. CMC today is a Fortune 500 global metals company with operations in more than 20 countries with almost 200 facilities. It is an honor to have such a successful homegrown business in my district.

This impressive company wasn't always so prosperous and fortunate; like many businesses, there were lean times and great difficulties it had come in contact with. The stock market crash of 1929 slowed down CMC's plan for growth as it did the rest of the nation, but by the 1930s it was ready again to thrive.

The company clawed out of the economic hard times before exporting scrap iron to international markets. CMC also contributed hard work and necessary services to America's war effort during WWII. As Americans were instructed to take all scrap metal to be recycled for guns, tanks and ships, CMC used this as a means of helping and becoming part of the massive surge in manufacturing and producing on behalf of the war effort.

Structural Metals Inc. (SMI) played a significant part in CMC's success by aiding its domestic presence. SMI was founded in Seguin, Texas and was a building block for CMC's domestic steel manufacturing operations. CMC became the first secondary metals company to be listed on a major stock exchange in 1960. In 1963 CMC obtained a stake in SMI and entered into steel manufacturing. In the 1970s and 1980s CMC added several other aspects of the steel industry to its already impressive resume. With such expansion and growth CMC became a Fortune 500 company and never looked back. Again, I'm thankful to have a company with such history within my district.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Commercial Metals Company. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating this milestone in the company's history.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. RICHARD POST

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an exemplary scientist, Richard Post. Post was a remarkable physicist and inventor at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) in Livermore, California.

Post was a passionate inventor who had his name on over 34 patents. In the 1970s he introduced the possibility of lightweight composites that could possibly store great amounts of renewable energy. In recent years, his research focused primarily on methods of storing renewable energy in a flywheel. Post's research sought to combat global warming by using flywheels to make renewable energy sources more accessible and affordable.

Post's extraordinary career spanned over 60 years. After World War II, when Post was stationed at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory and assigned to Pearl Harbor, he completed his graduate studies at Pomona College and earned a Ph.D. in physics in 1950 from Stanford University.

Post spent a year at what would become Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, working with Nobel Prize winners and noted nuclear physicist Herb York, who would become LLNL's first director. Post followed York to LLNL just months after the lab opened in 1952. In 1978 he received the prestigious James Clerk Maxwell Prize in Plasma Physics.

Post will long be remembered for his contribution to sustainable energy and his work and efforts will be continued by his colleagues at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. I

invited my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Dr. Richard Post.

CELEBRATING THE 132ND ANNIVERSARY OF EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 132nd anniversary of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Reverend Lewis Henry Bailey, a freed slave, founded Ebenezer Baptist Church. After being separated from his family in Alexandria, Virginia, Lewis Henry Bailey was sold into slavery and spent all of his youth and early adulthood as a slave in the state of Texas. Upon his return to Alexandria, Virginia, after obtaining his freedom, Lewis Henry Bailey was reunited with his mother, not far from where he was sold into slavery. Bailey found employment with a railroad company and later graduated from Wayland College. In 1882, he was ordained as an itinerant minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Alexandria. With aspirations of sharing the Gospel with residents of the Town of Occoquan, Reverend Bailey walked to and from the town to hold religious services for the black members of the community. In appreciation of his tireless efforts, white members of the community provided land for a church and a place for Reverend Bailey to live. The Clerk of the Court for Prince William County approved the deed on March 8, 1883, and Ebenezer Baptist Church celebrates its anniversary on the first Sunday of March in recognition of this momentous occasion.

Bailey started the New School in Occoquan, serving as a precursor to the establishment of the New School Baptist Church, which later became Ebenezer Baptist Church. The cornerstone of the church was laid on the first Sunday in May 1883 and the building was dedicated in 1885. Reverend Bailey, who had long been the inspiration and driving force for the establishment of this church, led the congregation from 1885–1891. The church has endured setbacks and faced community challenges during its 132 year history. After the original church structure burned to the ground in 1923, Ebenezer Baptist Church was rebuilt in 1924 where it remains today in the same historical site. Ebenezer Baptist Church leadership and its members have played key roles in both promoting civic justice and raising awareness throughout Prince William County. The church was instrumental in the integration of the county's public schools in the 1960s. I was honored to include the oral histories of three members of Ebenezer Baptist Church in my recent Northern Virginia Civil Rights Archive project.

Throughout its history, Ebenezer Baptist Church has been led by pastors who have served the church and the congregation faithfully. It is my honor to enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the names of the governing pastors of Ebenezer Baptist Church since its founding in 1883: Reverend Lewis Henry Bailey, Reverend Wesley Jackson, Reverend J. E. Peterson, Reverend Francis Eager Pree,

Reverend Bush, Reverend Roots, Reverend Reuben Hall and Reverend J.E. Morris. Most recently, on June 23, 1990, Reverend Charles A. Lundy was called to the pulpit to lead the church.

Under Reverend Lundy's leadership, Ebenezer Baptist Church has flourished. Due to significant membership growth from 120 to over 800 members in recent years, weekly worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church has been relocated to Telegraph Road to accommodate a growing church family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 132nd anniversary of Ebenezer Baptist Church and in thanking the church and congregation for their contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAMBODIAN DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, as this April marks the 40th anniversary of the brutal Khmer Rouge regime's rise to power in Cambodia, I join Cambodian Americans to commemorate this tragedy in the community's past. As we solemnly recognize this moment for many we can also look at the hopeful future that lies ahead for the Cambodian American community.

The Khmer Rouge regime seized power in Cambodia four decades ago on April 17, 1975 and began a four year long reign of terror and systematic genocide. Upwards of 3.4 million innocent men, women, and children lost their lives at mass grave sites now known as the Killing Fields. Thousands of refugees escaped these atrocities and were given sanctuary in the United States; many came to the state of Illinois.

Thanks to the Cambodian Association of Illinois and our strong Cambodian-American community here in the United States, we are aware of the Cambodian genocide and its devastating effects. Organizations such as the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and the Killing Field Memorial carry out the vital mission of ensuring that we do not forget the atrocities of this period. The Cambodian community is committed to remembering and paying tribute to those lost in the Killing Fields while enhancing the public's awareness of these atrocities and healing the survivors and their families.

As Illinois and other states recognize April 17th as the Cambodian Day of Remembrance, I rise today to join my Cambodian American friends to commemorate the atrocities of the Killing Fields and to provide comfort and hope to the victims' families. Let us take this moment to recognize that group-targeted violence and bigotry still exist in nations across the world, and we cannot ignore its presence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in solidarity with the Cambodian-American community in remembering those who were lost to the Khmer Rouge regime and in recognizing our hope for a more peaceful future.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE POTTSVILLE ROTARY CLUB'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Pottsville, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary this Friday, April 17, 2015. The club was chartered on May 1, 1915 as Club 157 in District 35, a district that included all of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia. The founding 64 members were led by President O. L. Underwood, Treasurer J. E. Gregory, and Secretary J. H. Zerbey, Jr. The Reading Rotary Club, which was established the prior year, was the sponsor of Pottsville's club.

In the early days of the club, the meeting places "Rotated" around Pottsville. The venues the club frequented included the Allan Hotel, the Necho Allen, the Penn Hall, and other spots in downtown Pottsville. Meetings also took place in communities outside of Pottsville including Long Run (now Schuylkill Haven), Tamaqua, Pine Grove, Normal Square, Hamburg, Shartlesville, and other towns.

The Rotary Club of Pottsville has supported the Rotary Foundation through the years and is proud to list 68 Paul Harris Fellows, each recognized for contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Since its founding, the Pottsville Rotary Club has supported Rotary International efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. In addition to helping fight Polio globally, the Pottsville Rotary Club has a history of helping locally. It was Pottsville Rotarians who organized the Schuylkill County Crippled Children Association in Pottsville. They promoted and sponsored the Schuylkill Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. They organized and sponsored the Rotary Little League, the Zerbey Rotary little league field, the Pottsville girls softball field in Forest Hills, and improvements at the Gordon Nagle little league and softball fields. The club also helped found the annual Charity Bowl all-star basketball games, which features boys and girls high school all-star teams.

It is an honor to recognize the Rotary Club of Pottsville on its 100th Anniversary. I am certain that the organization will continue to work for the improvement of our community and will be a big part of Pottsville and Schuylkill County's future.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER, ARMENIAN GENOCIDE DENIERS PERSIST

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, genocide is the most terrible crime a people can undergo, or another people can commit. It must never be forgotten—to forget it would be to dull our consciences and diminish our own humanity. It must never be denied, but fully acknowledged—otherwise any meaningful attempt at reconciliation will be thwarted.

Last weekend I was present as Brookdale College, the Center for Holocaust, Human Rights, and Genocide Education presented two exhibits and launched a book on the Armenian genocide. The exhibit *A Journey to Life: Armenia* teaches the history of the Armenian Genocide through the lives of local Armenian Genocide Survivors who settled in Monmouth County, while *Illuminating Images: A Hundred Year Remembrance* is an art exhibit created by middle school, high school and college students from across the county and beyond. The book released last weekend was *Hundred-Year Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide: Celebrating the Lives of Armenian Genocide Survivors in Our Community*, which features the personal histories of 54 Survivors who lived in Monmouth County. Everyone who contributed to these exhibits and this book has performed a great service to New Jersey—not only to Armenian-Americans, but to everyone, including those who deny the genocide. They opened paths to the truth, and therefore to a better future.

In September 2000 I chaired a hearing on the Armenian Genocide and co-sponsored legislation to finally put the United States on record officially acknowledging it. It was a four-hour hearing, the first hearing the House of Representatives ever held on the Armenian Genocide. The testimony I heard that day, and accounts of the atrocities I have read in the articles and books over the years have shocked me deeply. The resolution H. Res. 398—vigorously opposed by the Clinton Administration—never got a vote.

But just as shocking then is what we still see today: a completely political and callous campaign to deny the Armenian genocide.

In 1915, there were about 2 million Armenians living in what was then the Ottoman Empire. They were living in a region that they inhabited for 2,500 years. By 1923, well over 90 percent of these Armenians had disappeared. Most of them, as many as 1.5 million, were dead. The remainder had been forced into exile.

There is no lack of historical record. In fact, we only have to listen to the words of the US Ambassador to Turkey at the time, Henry Morgenthau, who called it a "campaign of race extermination."

We only have to listen to the British, French, and Russian governments who said the Young Turks committed a "crime against humanity," the first time in history that charge was ever made by one state against another.

And we only have to listen to the government of Turkey itself, which tried and convicted a number of high-ranking Young Turk officials for their role in what the Turkish government's indictment called, "the massacre and destruction of the Armenians."

When the term genocide was invented in 1944 to describe the systematic destruction of an entire people, its author Raphael Lemkin explained the term by saying it was "the sort of thing Hitler did to the Jews and the Turks did to the Armenians."

The campaign to deny this genocide—often driven by the Turkish government—is repulsive. It is a slap in the face to Armenians everywhere. It is this denial that keeps the Armenian genocide a burning issue and prevents much needed healing of old wounds. Armenians are unfortunately not alone in suffering the hurt and pain that stems from the denial of truth. The international community failed the

victims of the Holocaust, China, the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Bosnia, DRC, Darfur, Syria to name a few.

That means that we here in the United States, and that means not only the Congress but also the President, have the responsibility to speak truthfully and to speak boldly about the past in order to secure our future. We must write and speak the truth so that generations to come will not repeat the mistakes of the past.

Only 20 nations around the world have recognized the Armenian Genocide. That includes Canada as well as eleven EU countries including France, Germany Italy, Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Greece and Cypress. Conspicuously absent from the list of nations that have officially recognized the Armenian Genocide is the United States of America.

When political leaders fail to lead or denounce violence, the void is not only demoralizing to the victims but silence actually enables the wrongdoing. Silence by elected officials in particular conveys approval—or at least acquiescence—and can contribute to a climate of fear and a sense of vulnerability.

History has taught us that silence is not an option. We must do more.

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2015 DALE CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2015 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards.

The Dale City Civic Association was founded in 1967 to promote community initiatives. Today, the organization's purpose is to represent the interests of the residents of Dale City in a manner that benefits the entire community. Members do this through revitalization and beautification projects, land use advocacy, and volunteer responses to community needs.

The Association hosts an annual awards banquet to honor individuals and organizations that have shown exceptional devotion to the community and public service. It is my honor to submit the names of the recipients of the 2015 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards:

Business of the Year Award: The Dental Spa, Dr. Marvette Thomas

Catherine Spellane Citizen of the Year: Angela H. McConnell

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Cadet of the Year: Austin Prinbanic

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year: Nikia Griffiths

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Firefighter of the Year: Christopher Berry

Dale City Volunteer Fire Department, Officer of the Year: Lieutenant Christopher Gardner Jr.

Dale City Youth Environmental and Conservation Award: Khrista Chun

Ernestine S. Jenkins Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award: Mary Louise Mawn

John D. Jenkins Youth Citizen of the Year: John Thomas Fitzgerald

Kathleen K. Seefeldt Community Service Award: Clarice J. Torian

Kathy Feeney Nurse of the Year: Bridget Rasmussen Trotman

Outstanding Youth Mentor and Advocate of Higher Education Award: Miranda "Randi" Manderson

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Career Emergency Medical Service Provider of the Year: Technician II Robert Seitz

Prince William County Department of Fire and Rescue, Career Firefighter of the Year: Captain Kim Stewart

Prince William County Police Department, Police Officer of the Year: Officer Robert White Jr.

Prince William County Public Schools, Elementary School Teacher of the Year: Katie Rivers

Prince William County Public Schools, High School Teacher of the Year: Thomas P. Tutwiler

Prince William County Public Schools, Middle School Teacher of the Year: Dawn Cajigas

Prince William County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriff of the Year: Deputy Sheila B. Johnson

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the winners of the 2015 Dale City Civic Association Community Awards for their dedication to building and maintaining a healthy community. Each recipient has made a tangible imprint on Dale City, and, with these awards, we illustrate that their contributions have not gone unnoticed.

HONORING JUDGE JOHN WILCHIE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Judge John Wilchie from Tallahatchie County, MS.

Judge Wilchie was born in Glendora, Mississippi. Glendora is a small rural town in the Second Congressional District. The town is most notable for the Emmett Till Murder in 1955. Black history month is a month of recognition of African Americans who have made some type of historical contribution, big or small, in this country.

Judge Wilchie made black history in 1979 in Tallahatchie County when he was appointed as judge to finish the term of Judge JB Ray. The following year in 1980, however, he was elected as the first African-American Justice Court Judge in the county. He retired from the bench in 1984. Judge Wilchie received his education from Mississippi Valley State University as well as the University of Mississippi Judicial College in 2004. He helped to start the Sharkey-Hampton Lake Volunteer Fire Department where he served as Fire Captain and Chief. Currently, Judge Wilchie serves as the Co-chairman of the Tallahatchie County Emmett Till Memorial Commission, a member of the West Tallahatchie County P-16 Educational Board and the Chairman of the Tallahatchie County Branch of the NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the historical contribution of Judge John Wilchie for being elected as the first African-American Justice Court Judge in

Tallahatchie County, MS in the Second Congressional District of Mississippi.

INTRODUCTION OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE DRUG POLICY COMMISSION ACT

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to introduce the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission Act, a bill that will create an independent commission to evaluate U.S. policies aimed at reducing drug production and trafficking in the Western Hemisphere. A similar bill passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee unanimously last year and passed the House of Representatives unanimously on December 8, 2009.

I thank my good friend and colleague Congressman MATT SALMON, the Chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, for being the lead Republican sponsor of this legislation.

With \$15.7 billion spent on counternarcotics programs in Latin America and the Caribbean between 1980 and 2012, it is important to take stock of what has worked, what has not worked and what future U.S. drug policy should look like. This independent commission will be required to submit recommendations on future U.S. drug policy to Congress, the Secretary of State and the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy 12 months after its first meeting.

The time to examine U.S. drug policy is long overdue. While billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars have been spent over the years to fight the drug trade, illegal drug use in the United States remains high. In 2013, there were an estimated 24,573,000 illicit drug users in the United States. In particular, I am concerned by the dramatic increase in heroin use in our country. Attorney General Eric Holder has noted that heroin overdose deaths in the United States increased by an alarming 45 percent between 2006 and 2010.

On the supply side, nearly all cocaine consumed in the United States originates in South America while most of the heroin consumed here is from Colombia and Mexico. In addition, Central America and the Caribbean are key transit regions for drugs entering the United States.

To tackle our nation's horrific drug problem once and for all, we must have a better sense of what works and what does not work. Our partners in the Americas, who have worked closely with us in fighting drug trafficking for years, and the citizens of our great country, who deal every day with illegal drugs on their streets, deserve no less.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

THE FIRST 100 DAYS OF 114TH CONGRESS

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, unleashing the full potential of America means fully investing in the American people.

Unfortunately, the Republican plan for our country is to slash investments in education, transportation and manufacturing.

Rather than help the middle class, the Republican budget hurts ordinary Americans by giving a top 1% tax cut to the ultra-rich, which means the typical American family will end up paying more.

In contrast, the Democratic plan for our country invests in the quintessential American propositions of a good education, better infrastructure, and bigger paychecks.

For 100 Days, the majority party has engaged in special interest giveaways and shutdown brinksmanship.

Over the next 100 days, and every day after that, I will continue to stand—along with my fellow Democrats—for something else entirely:

A nation defined—a nation driven—by full investment in the imagination and industry of each and every American family.

I want to see Made in America, again.

RECOGNIZING PAULINE HUNTER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend Pauline Hunter of Woodbridge, Virginia, on the occasion of her retirement following 28 years of exemplary federal service.

Ms. Hunter served the entirety of her career with the Department of Army as a civilian employee. During her career, Ms. Hunter has served in various positions, including Community Relations Chief, Transition Services Manager, Family Services Coordinator, Exceptional Family Member Program Coordinator, Mental Health Counselor and Education Counselor. In every position, she has excelled and used her expertise and professionalism to further the mission of the Department of Defense and our nation.

Assignments as both a military wife and civilian federal employee have taken Ms. Hunter around the world with tours in Heidelberg, Berlin, Fort Drum, Fort Myer, Fort Belvoir, the Pentagon, and most recently, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, where she has served as Event Manager for the past two years. Ms. Hunter has been a great ally to my office during our frequent visits to Fort Belvoir as well as in providing assistance to my constituents who live or work at the garrison, and I thank her for her responsiveness and service.

Ms. Hunter's deep-rooted commitment to the Department of Defense and the assistance provided to service members and their families began in the classroom. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from Tuskegee (Institute) University and went on to pursue a Master's of Science in Education from Fort Valley (State College) University.

Her passion for improving the lives of others is not restricted to efforts in the workplace. From serving as a volunteer tutor and board member with the Prince William Literacy Program to her devoted membership at First Mount Zion Baptist Church in Dumfries, Virginia, Ms. Hunter's tireless efforts have benefited her community. A native of Greenville,

Georgia, she has made Woodbridge her home, and both Prince William County and the 11th District of Virginia have benefited greatly from her many contributions.

Although Ms. Hunter has expressed interest in spending more time with her family, I encourage her to remain civically involved in Prince William County as her resolve and dedication are inspirational to all who have had the privilege of knowing her.

While her professional successes cannot be denied, the most important roles in Ms. Hunter's life have been as mother to Jennifer Hunter-Marshall and as Army wife of 42 years to Colonel (Retired) Cardell S. Hunter. I thank them for their support and sacrifices that have allowed Ms. Hunter to serve her country and her community.

I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Pauline Hunter and in expressing our appreciation for her years of dedication as a federal civil servant and community volunteer. I wish her continued success and a healthy and happy retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AVIATION MUSEUM OF KENTUCKY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky.

In 1978, a group of dedicated aviation enthusiasts founded the Kentucky Aviation Roundtable in Lexington, Kentucky, with the mission of preserving the legacy of the aviation and aerospace industries in the Commonwealth.

Through dedication, persistence, and the support of several generous benefactors, the Roundtable achieved its goal with the opening of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, on the grounds of Blue Grass Airport in Lexington, on April 15, 1995. Today, the Museum is an educational resource for central Kentucky: hosting exhibits, lectures, and events related to aviation and aerospace history, design, and engineering.

The Museum's grand opening ceremony doubled as a reunion for survivors of the Doolittle Raid, honoring the airmen's sacrifices on April 18, 1942 as the first mission to strike the Japanese homeland following the attacks on Pearl Harbor.

Since that inaugural event, the Museum has continued to recognize men and women in the Commonwealth for their outstanding achievements in the fields of aviation and aerospace, establishing the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame in 1996.

The Museum looks not only to the past, but also to the future, inculcating a love of flying and engineering in Kentucky's youth by hosting Aviation Summer Camps throughout the Bluegrass. These programs have benefited 5,360 young Kentuckians, encouraging them to pursue careers in aerospace industries.

Today, Kentucky's top export category is aerospace and the Commonwealth's universities are becoming leaders in the fields of

manned and unmanned flight systems. The Aviation Museum of Kentucky helped foster this flourishing industry in our state and will continue to inspire future generations of aerospace workers in the Bluegrass.

As the Representative for the Sixth District of the Kentucky, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Aviation Museum of Kentucky. Furthermore, I encourage my fellow Kentuckians to visit and take pride in this institution and its preservation of the aviation and aerospace heritage of the Commonwealth.

HONORING GAIL WRIGHT LOWERY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Gail Wright Lowery, who was born in Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi at Jackson State College's Clinic. She is the third child, and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie (Annie) Wright. Mrs. Lowery was reared on Nashville Street.

As valedictorian of her kindergarten class learning seemed always within easy reach. Early piano lessons taught by Mrs. Fannie Smith who lived on Randolph Street, caused Mrs. Lowery to have a love for music. She attended school at Morrison, and G. N. Smith Elementary. At Chastain, and Powell Jr. High she played the clarinet, and participated in the marching band.

High school years at Murrah kept her busy participating in many school activities such as the Blue Jackets, the pep squad at Murrah, where she served as captain. She entered her senior year ranked in the top 1% of her 1975 class and received the distinct honor of Who's Who at Murrah High.

Upon entering Jackson State University she served on the Mayor's Youth Council and was elected Miss Pre Law Club. With a full scholarship, she graduated in three years Magna Cum Laude, and pressed on to her goal of becoming an attorney.

In August of 1978, at the age of 20, Mrs. Lowery entered law school at Northwestern School of Law in Chicago, Illinois. While there she was active in and was elected as Chairman of Recruitment for the Black Law Student's Association. She was awarded the Doctorate of Jurisprudence in May of 1981, and successfully passed the Bar Examination that same year. Her legal career began at Central Mississippi Legal Services. After Legal Services, she worked for the Attorney General's Office, becoming the first black person to become Head of the Civil Litigation Division. In 1993 Mrs. Lowery started her own business as a practicing attorney with Lowery Law Firm.

Mrs. Lowery joined the Cade Chapel M. B. Church when she was eight years old and has maintained her membership there to the present. She has participated on the Usher Board, the Choir, the Trustee Board, Sunday school, and the Missionary Society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Gail Wright Lowery for giving back to the community in which she was born and reared.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHYLLIS MUNDY FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Pennsylvania State Representative Phyllis Mundy. First elected in 1990, Phyllis served 12 consecutive terms as the representative for Pennsylvania's 120th District. Throughout her 24-year service in the General Assembly, Phyllis built a reputation as a champion of environmental protection and early childhood education.

While in Harrisburg, Phyllis was a legislative leader with signature policies that expanded care for senior citizens, improved the rights of foster children, provided stronger home visitation services for low-income expectant mothers, boosted pre-K education, cut property taxes, and expanded prescription drug coverage for seniors. As a Representative, Phyllis was beloved in northeastern Pennsylvania because of her highly responsive constituent services and her frequent attendance at public events important to local residents.

Before her career in the state house, Phyllis worked as a French teacher and a manager for Injection Molding Corp., a multi-million dollar manufacturing company. She served as president of the Wilkes-Barre chapter of the League of Women Voters, a Luzerne County Property Tax Reform Commissioner, and was active in the Junior League during the late 1980s. A 1970 graduate of Bloomsburg University, Phyllis earned two degrees—in secondary education and French.

Although Phyllis has retired from elected office, she remains active in promoting the welfare of her community. She currently serves on the boards of Maternal and Family Health Services, Luzerne County Head Start, the Area Agency on Aging, and the United Way's Success by Six, and she was also elected to the Vestry of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

It is an honor to recognize Phyllis Mundy and her exceptional work on behalf of Pennsylvania. The inspirational legacy she has left is a model for all who are interested in public service. I thank her for inspiring me, and I wish her the best in retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 VOLUNTEER FAIRFAX HONOREES

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Volunteer Fairfax and express my sincere appreciation to recipients of the 23rd Annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards.

Established more than 40 years ago, Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of thousands of volunteers with the needs of local non-profit organizations. The success of this model and its impact on delivery of needed services is beyond question; Volunteer Fairfax has been rated as one of the most effective community service organizations in the nation.

In 2013 alone, more than 26,000 individuals volunteered directly through Volunteer Fairfax; an additional 2,700 employees from 12 corporations supported 29 local agencies. More than 1,000 non-profit and charitable organizations were served by Volunteer Fairfax, and the value of volunteer services provided exceeded \$1.3 million.

Each year from this group of extraordinary "Doers Who Do," Volunteer Fairfax selects a few exceptional individuals, groups, or organizations to be honored. It is my great pleasure to submit the following names of the 2015 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards honorees:

Community Champions:
 Braddock District: Joanne Elder
 Dranesville District: Steven Bloom
 Hunter Mill District: Sahana Arkalgud
 Lee District: Dixie Wright
 Mason District: Winnie Lebo
 Mount Vernon District: Shirley Short
 Providence District: Ken Quincy
 Springfield District: Stephen Beck
 Sully District: Reverend Doctor Eugene Johnson
 At-Large: Philip Church
 Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Over: Michelle Bond
 Adult Volunteer 250 Hours & Under: Mike Harrison
 Adult Volunteer Group: Library Friends
 Groups of Fairfax County Public Library
 Corporate Volunteer Program: CACI Cares
 Fairfax County Volunteer: David Kline
 Fairfax County Volunteer Program: Fairfax County Animal Shelter
 Family Volunteer: Colonel Edward and Mrs. Kimberly Bellem
 Lifetime Achievement: Peggy Ferguson
 Rising Star: Roberta Bucher
 Senior Volunteer: Lawrence Kelly
 Volunteer Program: Marketplace Volunteer Program
 Youth Volunteer: Carolina Sosa
 Youth Volunteer Group: Boy Scouts of America Troop 55
 Integrate Individual: Pedro Velasco de Paz
 RSVP Northern Virginia: Elizabeth Pokorny

In addition, Benchmark Honors will be awarded in four different categories to commend those who have contributed 100, 250, 500, or 1,000 hours of volunteer time to our community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending Volunteer Fairfax for its decades of outstanding community service, as well as in congratulating the 2015 Service Award honorees and the thousands of other local volunteers for their incredible contributions to our community. Their selfless dedication is worthy of our highest praise and is one reason that our community is often ranked as one of the best places in the country to live, work, and raise a family.

HONORING THE MARINE RAIDERS OF MARINE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, today, I stand and recognize the Marine Raiders of Marine

Special Operations Team (MSOT) 8231, 2nd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Marine Special Operations Command who lost their lives during a training exercise on March 10, 2015. These young men represent the finest our nation has to offer, and we are forever indebted to them for their service.

On the morning of March 10, an Army National Guard-operated UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter embarked on a training exercise off the coast of the Florida Panhandle carrying seven members of MSOT 8231 and four members of the Louisiana National Guard, who were operating the helicopter. As part of a rigorous pre-deployment exercise, the Raiders were practicing special operations insertion techniques with two UH-60 aircraft. Sadly, it was on their training mission that the Marines and Guardsmen in one helicopter lost their lives.

As a unit with great distinction throughout the War in Afghanistan, MSOT 8231 first deployed in 2010 under Special Operations Task Force-West, operating from the City of Herat. While in Herat, MSOT 8231 primarily conducted Counter-Insurgency (COIN), Foreign Internal Defense (FID) and Direct Action (DA) activities within the Murghab District of the Badghis Province. After redeployment and reconstitution, MSOT 8231 deployed again in 2012 to Bala Murghab, in the Murghab District, where it built upon tactical and operational gains it and other MSOT's achieved on previous rotations.

MSOT 8231 continued building their Afghan partner's capacity, promoting good governance, and countering the insurgent initiatives in this highly remote and austere geographic slice of Afghanistan. During the 2012 deployment, MSOT 8231 was tasked with permanently closing their base and retrograding years' worth of hardware for consolidation at a larger base hundreds of miles south in Herat. Without a single paved road in the entire Badghis Province, this proved a difficult task. Nevertheless, MSOT 8231 completed the job and left Bala Murghab in the hands of the Afghan National Army, Police, and government.

After returning home, rebuilding and adding new personnel to MSOT 8231, the team again deployed in 2013 to western Afghanistan. Their most recent return to Afghanistan saw a change in tasks from previous deployments as they partnered with the highly regarded Afghan Commandos to conduct offensive activities against the Taliban. While the mission changed, their resolve did not, as consistent enemy combat persisted until the very end of their deployment. Even still, MSOT 8231 continued efforts to enhance their partners' capacity to operate effectively on their own. MSOT 8231 departed Afghanistan in June 2014; however, their focus never left the region.

Prior to any deployment, teams work together to hone and develop their skills, and when combat operations commence, the months of training leading up to deployment are finally put to test. For MSOT 8231, this meant building on the strong relationship established during previous deployments with the 1-244th Assault Helicopter Battalion, based in Hammond, Louisiana. On March 10, two Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawks participated in a routine training mission; however, the mission turned out to be anything but routine, as only one Black Hawk returned.

On that day, our nation lost seven Marine Raiders. Not only did they accept the challenge of becoming the best that the Marine

Corps has to offer, these Marine Raiders did so during a time of war. Along the way, the Marine Raiders of MSOT 8231 received such awards as the Silver Star Medal for Gallantry and Bronze Star Medals for valor, and all had Valor awards from their time fighting on combat deployments.

To the families, friends, and loved ones of Captain Stanford Shaw III, Master Sergeant Thomas Saunders, Staff Sergeant Marcus Bawol, Staff Sergeant Trevor Blaylock, Staff Sergeant Liam Flynn, Staff Sergeant Kerry Kemp, Staff Sergeant Andrew Seif, Chief Warrant Officer George Wayne Griffin, Chief Warrant Officer George David Strother, Staff Sergeant Lance Bergeron, and Staff Sergeant Thomas Florich, please know that we are a grateful nation. On countless training exercises, your brave warriors risked their lives to ensure the tip of the spear always remained sharp and ready for battle. And while the Marine Raider community lost these warriors, their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten. Never above you, never below you, always beside you. Semper Fi.

HONORING THE YAZOO FAIR & CIVIC LEAGUE

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of innovators who have shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and a desire to serve their community, the Yazoo Fair & Civic League. The Yazoo Fair & Civic League has served the Yazoo County community and the State of Mississippi through social and civic engagement.

The Yazoo Fair & Civic League's history date back to 1932; when R.J. Pierce and T.J. Huddleston decided to establish a county fair for black residents to enjoy. D.W. Lindsey assisted in sponsoring the first fair in October 1932. Three years later, Gov. Martin Conner signed the charter for the Yazoo Negro Fair Association. The group purchased land on Calhoun Avenue where an exhibit building was constructed.

During the early 60s, H.A. Scott was elected president, and H.C. Fouché was chosen as vice president. As president Scott faced several challenges. The biggest challenge was finances. The association was \$67,500 in debt. In order to resolve the debt the property facing Calhoun Avenue and a plot west of Lamar Avenue was sold along with the exhibit building.

After these challenges were met the association had the vision for a community center. Also during this time the Yazoo Negro Fair Association became the Yazoo Fair and Civic League. Federal funding was used to construct the L.T. Miller Community Center which was completed in 1971. The large tract of unused space around the center was used to construct 48 apartments for elderly and disabled residents with a grant for over \$1.5 million from HUD. The Lintonia Apartments opened in May of 1986. During the 1990s the association built H.A. Scott Apartments with about 80 units creating a very healthy tax base to the Yazoo area. Currently, the association has a 60 unit apartment complex in

Jackson, MS, 40 in Meridian and 30 in Clarksdale.

The Yazoo Fair and Civic League began as an effort to provide black Yazooans with a public place to hold community events during a time when they had nowhere else to go. Today, the Yazoo Fair & Civic League continues to provide a public facility for all of the community to enjoy, and the organization has expanded its mission to provide affordable housing to many residents. The association also manages the historic Oakes African American Cultural Center, which was home to the legendary Oakes Family in Yazoo City for over a century. A.J. Oakes, III deeded the home to the Yazoo Fair & Civic League in 1990, and the home has become a museum highlighting and celebrating local black history.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Yazoo Fair & Civic League for its dedication to serving others and giving back to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding a missed vote due to a funeral on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Had I been present for roll call vote number 149, H. Res. 189, the combined rule providing for consideration of H.R. 650—Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act and H.R. 685—Mortgage Choice Act, I would have voted “yea.”

CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE PADRE DAM ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION DEMONSTRATION PILOT PLANT

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exciting event that took place in my district this past week on April 10, 2015, by the Padre Dam Municipal Water District. The Grand Opening of the Padre Dam Advanced Water Purification Demonstration Pilot Plant in Santee, California is an important and critical step in the overall effort by San Diego County to become more water independent as a region and maintain the very best in our water management practices.

We all know that California is currently in the midst of a severe multi-year drought, but ensuring our communities can rely on being provided with clean and healthy water has been the mission of Padre Dam for many decades. In fact, on this same day in 1962, founding General Manager of Padre Dam Ray Stoyer wrote to President Kennedy complimenting him on his commitment to the science of water management innovation and requesting his assistance in a groundbreaking water reclamation study and project at Padre Dam. President Kennedy supported the District's reclamation efforts and today the appropriately named Ray Stoyer Water Recycling Facility

treats and recycles more than two million gallons of water per day. Over the years, these efforts have been recognized by the California Water Environment Association, which awarded this facility its “California Plant of the Year” designation in 2005, as well as naming it “San Diego Plant of the Year” multiple times in 1977, 1978, 1981, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2010.

I am pleased to see that this proud tradition is being carried on with Padre Dam's most recent effort in its Advanced Water Purification Demonstration Pilot Plant. Funded through a \$3 million state grant, this innovative project will test the feasibility of creating a new source of approximately 2,000 to 3,000 acre feet of purified water for East San Diego County. If successful, this project has the potential to provide up to 20% of our current drinking water demand via a locally-controlled, independent, drought-proof and environmentally sound water supply, thereby reducing our dependency on outside sources of imported water.

California's current drought conditions, coupled with San Diego's historical reliance on imported water, mandate that we pursue every alternative that will lead to the San Diego region expanding its resource portfolio and utilize an “all the above” approach to water management. This includes traditional efforts such as conservation and reservoir and aquifer storage, as well as taking advantage of new technologies and science in the areas of desalination and reclamation projects like the one developed by Padre Dam which we are today recognizing.

My colleagues, I ask that you join me in congratulating Padre Dam Municipal Water District for its forward-thinking vision and willingness to pursue new ideas on an old, but important, problem. Everyone at the District, from leadership to all members of staff, is making a direct positive impact in our community and I am confident that your investment will prove to be valuable in helping us reach both our short and long-term water management goals.

INTRODUCING THE CRUDE-BY-RAIL SAFETY ACT

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation to increase the safety of transporting crude oil by rail. Explosive growth in crude-by-rail transport in recent months has led to increased rail traffic and an unprecedented rise in rail accidents—sometimes with fatal results. This issue has affected communities across the nation and cemented the need to increase safety standards and accountability. Four derailments in the US and Canada in under a month earlier this year underscored the urgency of action to curb the risks of transporting volatile crude oil.

The Crude-By-Rail Safety Act addresses a number of shortcomings in our approach to transporting volatile crude oil near and through many American towns and cities. It includes provisions to lower oil volatility, prohibits use of unsafe DOT-111 tank cars, strengthens tank car standards, improves oil spill response

readiness, and increases fines for violating volatility standards and hazmat transport standards. It also requires disclosure of train movements through communities as well as the implementation of a confidential close-call reporting system to further increase the safety of transporting crude oil by rail.

Last summer, a derailment in my district in Seattle exposed the vulnerabilities in our current standards, and how easily we risk exposing our communities to danger from oily spills or fiery explosions. We risk too much—our urban centers, our clean waterways, our natural environment, our robust transportation network, our pocketbooks—in sitting back and waiting for an accident to wreak havoc on our communities. We must continue to fight for stronger standards and accountability, and this bill offers a comprehensive approach toward tackling this urgent threat. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation. Thank you.

HONORING THE DOOLITTLE RAIDERS

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, following the December 7, 1941, attack of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor on Oahu, President Roosevelt sought and received from Congress authorization to declare war on Japan. In January 1942, Lieutenant Colonel James H. “Jimmy” Doolittle was selected to lead a top-secret retaliation attack on Japan. With just three weeks of special “short field takeoff” training, Doolittle's men set sail toward Japan aboard the USS *Hornet*.

On April 18, 1942, the *Hornet* was sighted by a Japanese ship and the Doolittle Raiders, as they would come to be known, set off on their mission—twelve hours early and some 150 miles from their planned launch position. Within one hour, these 80 volunteers, aboard 16 B-25 bombers, took off in the first U.S. air raid on Japan in World War II. The air raid resulted in the bombing of multiple military and industrial targets in Tokyo and other Japanese cities. Their mission a success, the crews headed for their rendezvous point in China.

Flying on fumes and facing poor weather, one plane diverted to Russia, and the fifteen others were forced to crash land. With the aid of Chinese civilians, most of these brave men reached safety, but not all of our famous flyers made it home. Three of the raiders were killed in action; and, of the eight that were captured, three were executed and one died in captivity. Their sacrifice and the success of this mission served as an essential boost to American morale, and the exploits of the Doolittle Raiders marked a critical turning point in the war in the Pacific.

Following their daring drama over Japan, the Doolittle Raiders spread out across the nation and globe. Some continued in the military, enjoying long careers into retirement. Others gave their lives in later service to their country, while still others rejoined civilian life as doctors, teachers, businessmen—serving their communities in every capacity.

Earlier this year, we lost two of the surviving Raiders, LTC Edward Saylor, and LTC Robert Hite. LTC Hite was one of the brave souls

who escaped Japanese captivity, and he also was a resident of my home state of Arkansas. Now, from the band of 80 young flyers 73 Aprils ago, only two living Raiders remain: Staff Sergeant David Thatcher and LTC Richard Cole. Retired LTC Cole served as copilot to LTC Doolittle aboard aircraft number one, and he, along with the other Raiders, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Retired Staff Sergeant David J. Thatcher served as the engineer-gunner to crew number seven, whose plane the "Raptured Duck," crashed just off the shores of the Chinese mainland. Sergeant Thatcher was awarded the Silver Star in 1942 for his bravery in caring for his injured crew members.

Earlier today, Congress conferred the Congressional Gold Medal on the Doolittle Raiders for their undeniable valor and sacrifice. These airmen and their extraordinary "30 Seconds over Tokyo" will never be forgotten. I am humbled to rise today to recognize these ordinary Americans that stepped up to attempt an exceptional mission. Col. Doolittle and his Raiders will fly forever in our hearts and minds as the best of American values of Duty, Honor, and Country. May God bless their memory and example to us all.

HONORING REVEREND HENRY HOLLEY'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE

HON. TOM PRICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to speak in honor of a good friend, a committed patriot, and a great man of faith, Reverend Henry Holley. His remarkable lifetime of service is testament that putting your values to work can lead to real and demonstrable achievements in improving the lives of your fellow man. His tireless efforts to spread the word of God through the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is worthy of our praise and deserving of our thanks.

Following his tour in the Pacific during World War II, Reverend Holley continued his service in the United States Marine Corps until 1966. Thereafter, he joined in common purpose with Reverend Graham. In due course, he was ordained into the Gospel ministry at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, located in Marietta.

His ministry with Reverend Graham has sent him around the world, from Taipei to Hong Kong, from Manila to Tokyo. Notably, Reverend Holley organized the Korean 1973 Crusade in Seoul. On the last day of the Crusade, there were over 3.2 million people present to hear Reverend Graham in person.

Reverend Holley and his devoted wife Bettie have made their home in Marietta, Georgia for the past 44 years. They are blessed to have three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, in 2005, I had the real honor of introducing Reverend Holley before his opening prayer on the floor of this House. Now, I have the privilege of offering thanks, on behalf of all Americans, for his life's efforts. For today, in North Carolina, Reverend Holley is celebrating his well-deserved retirement. Reverend Holley has truly earned a reputation as living out the Gospel, not only in Georgia, but around the world.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT DAVID A. WELLS

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize Chief Master Sergeant David A. Wells of Springfield, Massachusetts on the occasion his retirement from the United States Air Force Reserve. For the past 31 years, Chief Wells has proudly served his country with distinction and I am privileged to thank him on behalf of a grateful nation.

Chief Wells was raised and still resides in my hometown of Springfield. He graduated from the High School of Commerce in 1984 and entered the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, GA shortly thereafter. During his time with the 187th Infantry Brigade out of Fort Devens, Massachusetts, he was deployed to various locations abroad including Iceland and Canada. By 1987, he had quickly moved through the ranks to become a Staff Sergeant.

In 1994, Chief Wells was transferred to the Air Force Reserve after the 187th Infantry Brigade was disbanded. He was first assigned to the 439th Engineering Squadron at Westover Air Reserve Base, only a few miles from his home in Springfield. Throughout his 11 years at Westover, he served in many roles as part of the Fire and Emergency Services Flight. In 2005, Chief Wells was assigned to the 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base in Marietta, Georgia to become the Fire Emergency Deputy Fire Chief. In this position, he was charged with maintaining combat readiness for all Numbered Air Force Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (BEEF) Fire Emergency units.

Chief Wells has also been deployed overseas to with U.S. operations in the Middle East. In 2002, he was deployed to Kuwait as part of Operation Southern Watch and then again in 2008 to Kirkuk, Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Chief Wells has been awarded numerous times for exemplary service over his career, including the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

While he may be retiring from the Air Force, Chief Wells will continue to serve his community as a captain in the Springfield Fire Department, as he has done for the past 26 years. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Chief Master Sergeant Wells for his dedication to this country and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2015 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 20

3 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the 2020 Census, focusing on challenges facing the bureau for a modern, cost-effective survey.

SD-342

APRIL 21

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Peter Levine, of Maryland, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine opportunities and challenges for agriculture trade with Cuba.

SR-328A

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on building on the success of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) to deliver safe, efficient and effective public transportation services and projects.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet

To hold hearings to examine advancing telehealth through connectivity.

SR-253

Committee on Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development

To hold hearings to examine improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department of State.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine improving accountability and oversight of juvenile justice grants.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense policy and programs to counter threats to the United States from terrorism and irregular warfare.

SR-222

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on certification and U.S.

aviation manufacturing competitive-
ness.

SR-253

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine fulfilling
the promise to women veterans.

SR-418

APRIL 22

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public
Works

To hold hearings to examine the nomina-
tion of Vanessa Lorraine Allen Suther-
land, of Virginia, to be a Member and
Chairperson of the Chemical Safety
and Hazard Investigation Board.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related
Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed
budget estimates and justification for
fiscal year 2016 for the Department of
Transportation.

SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation

To hold hearings to examine how to bet-
ter communicate weather to enhance
commerce and safety.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
sources

To hold hearings to examine reauthoriza-
tion of and potential reforms to the
Land and Water Conservation Fund.

SD-366

Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine securing the
border, focusing on understanding
threats and strategies for the northern
border.

SD-342

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed
budget estimates and justification for
fiscal year 2016 for defense innovation
and research.

SD-192

2 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Department of Home-
land Security

To hold hearings to examine proposed
budget estimates and justification for
fiscal year 2016 for Federal Emergency
Management Agency (FEMA).

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Readiness and Manage-
ment Support

To hold hearings to examine reform of
the defense acquisition system in re-
view of the Defense Authorization Re-
quest for fiscal year 2016 and the Fu-
ture Years Defense Program.

SR-232A

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine Air Force
and Navy nuclear programs and the im-
plementation of nuclear enterprise re-
view recommendations in review of the
Defense Authorization Request for fis-
cal year 2016 and the Future Years De-
fense Program.

SR-222

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing on tribal
transportation, focusing on pathways
to safer roads in Indian country.

SD-628

APRIL 23

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor,
Health and Human Services, and Edu-
cation, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed
budget estimates and justification for

fiscal year 2016 for the Department of
Health and Human Services.

SD-124

Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation

Subcommittee on Aviation Operations,
Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine Federal
Aviation Administration reauthoriza-
tion, focusing on airport issues and in-
frastructure financing.

SR-253

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Health Care

To hold hearings to examine the impact
of the medical device tax on jobs, inno-
vation, and patients.

SD-215

APRIL 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
sources

To hold hearings to examine the Admin-
istration's Quadrennial Energy Review.

SD-366

APRIL 30

10 a.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
sources

To hold hearings to examine S. 703, to re-
authorize the weatherization and State
energy programs, S. 720, to promote en-
ergy savings in residential buildings
and industry, and S. 858, to amend the
National Energy Conservation Policy
Act to encourage the increased use of
performance contracting in Federal fa-
cilities.

SD-366

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
sources

Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests,
and Mining

To hold hearings to examine the Bureau
of Land Management's final rule on hy-
draulic fracturing.

SD-366